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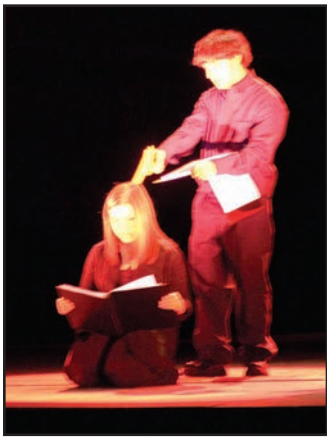
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51	47	38
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**Number of people in attendance during the Braves home opener against the Mets.**

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## Foolishness ensues as bands rock in the Buff



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

WGUR hosted Fool's Day In at Buffingtons to raise money to help cover the radio station's operating costs. The bands Failures of Modern Science (above) and Last Year Portrait entertained the crowd with live performances that started at 11 p.m. and lasted until 1 a.m.

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## Rushing leaves GCSU after nine years

BY JERRY CALBOS  
STAFF WRITER

Dean Beth Rushing of the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences will be leaving GCSU after spending a total of nine years here as assistant dean, then as the dean.

Dr. Rushing will be the vice chancellor and vice provost at the University of Washington at Tacoma,

directly South of Seattle. According to Rushing herself, she will be in charge of Academic affairs of all programs on campus.

“[I will be] running the academic component, some schools call it chief academic officer,” Rushing said.

UW-Tacoma has similar programs as this school.

“She will be responsible for overall academic lead-

ership of the institution,” President Dorothy Leland said.

However, most deans on campus do not see students as much as faculty does, according to Rushing.

“Deans don’t see students that much,” Leland said. “They’re not as close to students as faculty in the classroom.”

On the contrary, according to Dr. Anne Gormly,

Vice President and Dean of Faculties, Rushing is an exception to this rule.

“Dean Rushing has been active in teaching herself. She’s had quite a bit of involvement with students....She taught a study abroad,” Gormly said.

Rushing also started the Student Advisory Council for her school, which brought in students from every program in her



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## President among many former Peace Corps members from GCSU

BY DEVIN VERNICK  
SENIOR REPORTER

There are many wide grins in a vintage black and white photograph resting near Dr. John Cox’s office desk. The photo was taken in a simple classroom, but what took place there is remembered as being incredibly profound.

“It was such a defining experience, it’s too hard for me to imagine not having done it,” Cox said. Cox, a GCSU English professor, uniquely began his teaching career in Botswana. Through the Peace Corps, Botswana, just a small country above South Africa, is one of 139 different countries where American volunteers have an opportunity to become global citizens.

“We have a responsibility to know about what’s

happening in other parts of the world,” Cox said. “Even if you feel you can’t do much about it.”

As graduation draws near, senior GCSU students dreaming of diplomas are pondering their next move in the adventure that is life. Meanwhile, the rest of us move one year closer towards our moment of walking across the podium.

Twenty-five GCSU alumni have served in the Peace Corps and five are currently serving in Romania, Guatemala, the Philippines, Senegal and Botswana. Additionally, several current GCSU faculty members are Peace Corps veterans.

John Thompson, is a 2005 graduate of GCSU’s mass communication program. One year has near-

ly passed since Thompson first stepped foot upon Romanian soil, where he now is a Peace Corps volunteer preparing an environmental education program and constructing a low ropes course that a predicted 13,000 Romanian children will use over the next three years. Thompson is also in the beginning stages of developing an ecotourism plan, primarily around bird watching, and a marketing strategy for the park.

“Every day is an adventure - sometimes good and sometimes bad,” Thompson said, corresponding via email. “In that respect, it’s like living anywhere.”

Thompson’s decision, as with many like him,

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SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE  
(L-R)Whitney Fee, Sam Raushenburg, Bonnie Kelly, Brent Adams and Lauren Crowley were among the GCSU students who volunteered in New Orleans over Spring Break.

## The new New Orleans Spring Break vacation

BY S. ASHLEE  
MOONEYHAN  
STAFF WRITER

Katrina is now a household name after all the destruction that has reigned over the Northern parts of the Gulf Coast since the hurricane of the same name struck in

August 2005. It has now been over a year and a half, yet people are still going to the area to assist in the recovery efforts.

Several students from GCSU spent their Spring break serving others, rather than doing typical

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New Orleans

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vacations like relaxing on a beach or camping in the mountains. Different organizations hosted trips to some of the sites hit hardest by Katrina and various other storms. "The city still looks like a storm hit a week ago, but we were able to contribute work and experience people who are working to change that," said Ashley Bohanon, a senior mass communication major. Bohanon spent her Spring break in New Orleans, though it was

hardly a leisurely vacation—if anything, it was a vacation away from normal life. She went down with a team of students associated with Campus Outreach. The team went with the specific goal of aiding Mo Leverett, an urban community reformer originally from Macon. "I remember going to my home and finding all the things that are priceless to me in this world, and throwing them into a heap- ing pile of trash," Leverett said as he recalled his experiences immediately after the storm had blown through. Leverett had been a resi-

dent of the Desire Street community in New Orleans, one of the most violent and poverty stricken areas in the nation, for nearly 20 years before the hurricane shredded his community and forced the people to disperse elsewhere. During his time in the community, he was successful in establishing programs for troubled youth and needy families. He was also a coach for the local high school football team, which gave him the opportunity to directly impact some of the underprivileged young people in this area that he voluntarily chose to move into. Like most other residents of the city, Katrina has really changed Leverett.

"Fulfillment in life is not measured by what you gain or accumulate in material wealth or prestige, but in what you sacrifice toward a cause greater than yourself," Leverett said. Since Katrina wiped out most of Desire Street, Leverett was forced to begin work on creating a new community outreach, aptly named Rebirth. Another team including participants from Baptist Colligate Ministries (BCM) and Lakeside Baptist Church, went into the Upper Ninth Ward in the sect known as the Musicians' Village. The participants partnered with the New Orleans Area Housing (NOAH) Foundation, and Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE  
Even a year after Hurricane Katrina, the gulf coast has still not completely recovered.

and restore houses in the area. They put siding on houses, painted, did some roofing and built sheds. The group consisted of a little over 40 students from GCSU. Aside from working on houses, Jessica Cronic, a sophomore education major, spent much of her spare time playing inspira-

tional and spiritually themed music on parts of the famous Bourbon Street. Rebecca Croft, a sophomore nursing major, accompanied her and together they raised nearly \$70 to donate to the NOAH foundation. Gregg Kaufman, of the Coverdell Institute at GCSU, took eight students down to Port Charlotte, Fla., as partners with Lutheran Disaster Response. There they helped in the rebuilding process that has been underway since a barrage of storms has continuously crippled the community since 2004. All together, there has been eight storms that have affected the area, including some minimal abuse from Katrina. "It was so neat to see several non-profit organizations come together to respond to the critical need of the community after such unfortunate natural disasters," Kaufman said. According to Break Away, an Atlanta-based non-profit that assists students and college organizations in planning trips of this nature, an estimated 35,000 college students across the nation will participate in similar service-oriented trips during their Spring break.

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Peace Corps

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was fueled by a desire to travel abroad and help other people.

“This experience makes you look hard at America too. It’s ideals, superstitions, pop culture and everything else,” Thompson said. “Worldly events take on a different perspective when you’re not in America.”

The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew an agency of the federal government devoted to world peace and friendship. Since then, multitudes of people, young and old, have had their lives altered through their experiences helping others overseas.

Like Thompson, Alex Monroe knew his passion for exploration was leading him towards a two-year commitment with the Peace Corps. A 2006 political science graduate, Monroe will embark for the Philippines this coming May.

“Like everybody else who joins, I want to make an impact,” Monroe said.

Each Peace Corps volunteer must develop a community program based on the needs of the community they are assigned to become a part of. Monroe’s vision is estab-

lishing a program that will create awareness and prevention of human trafficking, a passionate cause for Monroe. After three months of language training, Monroe will be sent to a Philippine town or village and live with a host family, another American, or on his own.

“My friends and family are excited about this, but they are still uneasy about me being so far away,” Monroe said.

Mary Magoulick, another GCSU English professor, spent her time with the Peace Corps in



Senegal, in West Africa upon completing her masters at the University of Virginia.

“There aren’t many other ways you can go to a far country, learn the language, experience the culture, and have it all funded,” Magoulick said. “It was an excellent opportunity to learn about another culture and travel.”

Magoulick had reservations prior to her arrival in Africa. Fears that the Peace Corps was simply a new form of American colonialism did not sit well, but once there, she saw that the notion was far from the truth.

The opportunity

Magoulick had to participate in exchanging American culture for a new one has left her forever changed.

“I can’t fully explain how much working with the Peace Corps changed me,” Magoulick said. “It was so eye opening - It changed my perspective on so many things.”

At 19-years-old, Dorothy Leland, led by her young idealism, traveled with the Peace Corps to a remote village in India. Like the others, she too didn’t return the same. Now the president of GCSU, Leland owes much of her identity to those remarkable two years of life.

“It was the most powerful learning experience of my life,” Leland said.

The moment came when a young Indian child looked up to Leland, asking, “Is the sun that comes up in our village the same as the sun that comes up in the United States?”

The question, with many others, has vividly remained with her since.

Leland, Magoulick, Cox and Thompson agree that their time overseas was a great challenge. Luxuries like electricity, running water and a common language are hard to come by. The difficulties are outweighed by the rewards.

“After graduation is the perfect time to go,” Cox said. “You don’t have the commitments that you may have in the future - and the experience can change the direction of a person’s life.”

Rushing

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school after Gormly told all deans she wanted feedback from the students in each program.

While here, Rushing’s position as dean of the school consisted of assisting with programming, directing graduate programs and, according to Gormly, consists of the “President’s Cabinet.” Rushing has also done a little bit of research while at GCSU, with a colleague from another university.

Gormly also stated that Rushing was involved in the business aspects of her college as well. “The School of Liberal Arts & Sciences has the lion’s share for the core, then the lion’s share of the budget....Dean Rushing was active in raising money for the piano for the music department,” Gormly said.

In addition, the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences has made significant progress while the Dean in charge: The school has 3,000 students, half the university’s population, while also doubling the number of majors (of which the three most popular are psychology, biology and mass communication). Meanwhile, the faculty has increased to over 160 full-time members, more than half the university’s faculty and the graduate programs have “shifted more responsibility for assistantships,” according to Rushing.

Gormly added, that when the university asked for an increase in funding from the Board of Regents

in 2001, GCSU officials decided to increase the number of faculty while placing undeclared majors into the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, since it has the majority of core courses all students must take. The Deans of the

excellent fundraiser and good manager. Leland and Gormly both insisted that the all deans must be good leaders as well as managers, who promote teamwork among faculty.

Rushing began her career as a faculty member

“ (Her promotion is) a great step up and well deserved, even though we will miss her. ”

— Dr. Dorothy Leland, GCSU president

School of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the Dean of Education share responsibility of the education majors, as they are also planning to teach mainly in liberal arts-related fields.

Rushing will be teaching a Maymester class in the Bahamas, before starting the long drive to Washington state. After that point, Dr. Mike Digby, current chair of the Department of Government & Sociology will serve as the interim dean of the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

A national search will be conducted in the meantime. Gormly stated that the dean they will be looking for must be someone who can work with faculty across the board in the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, since there are so many programs, have good programming skills, be an

(sociology) at Kent State University in Ohio, then as department chair at the University of Tennessee Martin, before arriving at GCSU in 1998 as an assistant dean of and then dean of then School of Arts & Sciences.

“it’s a great step up and well deserved even though we will miss her,” Leland said of Rushing’s new position.

Gormly agreed. “It will be difficult to replace her.”

Rushing admitted that she would miss the faculty, administration, staff and students here at GCSU adding, “I want everyone to know how much I will miss them. It’s been an important place personally and professionally.”

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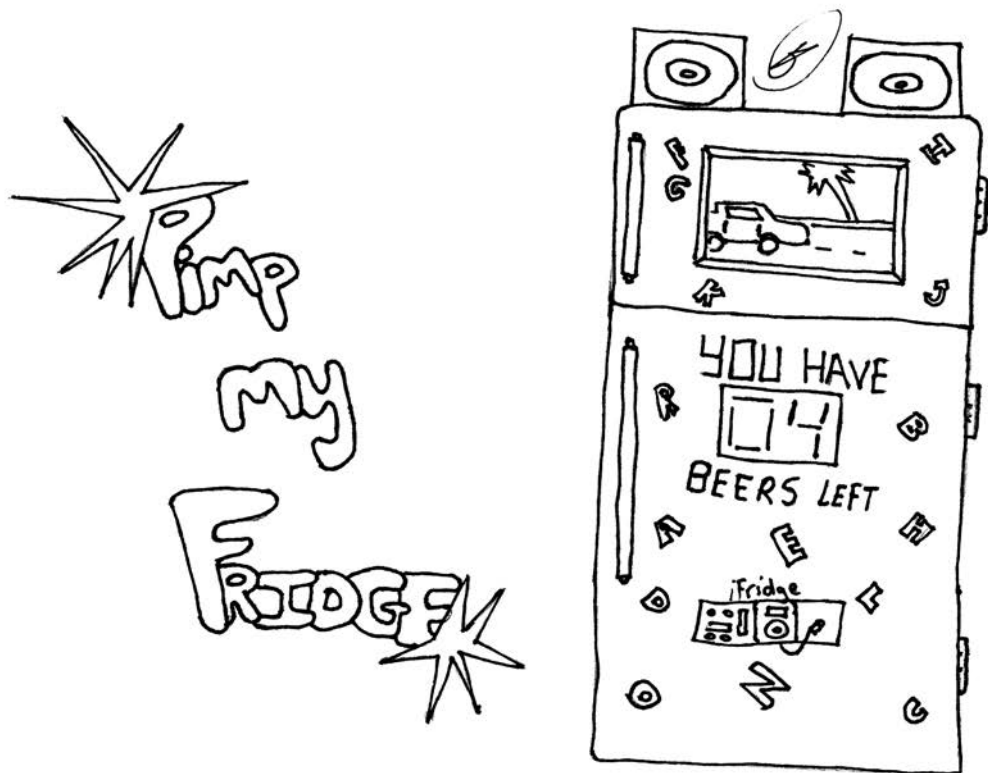
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BY KYLE DOMINY

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## Apology not necessary for slavery



BY ANDREW ADAMS  
COLUMNIST

Just a few weeks ago, the General Assembly of North Carolina voted to apologize for their part in slavery. Since then, many people have called upon other former slave-holding states, including Georgia, to follow North Carolina in apologizing. I believe it would be a critical error for Georgia to apologize.

Don't get the wrong idea. I don't support slavery. I don't even particularly like the Confederate flag. In fact, it's because I don't support slavery that I am opposed to this apology being brought up. The historical definition of an apology is that when you

do something wrong, you say you're sorry to whom you wronged, and then you change your ways. By the Georgia Representatives apologizing, they would be saying "sorry" for something they never did. Where will this stop? Will there be a proposal next week to apologize to Great Britain for the Boston Tea Party?

Besides creating a slippery-slope of apologies, this will cause other problems for our state. Slavery was a terrible lifestyle. I would be hard-pressed to think of a single institution that is as awful and terrifying as that was. Is it even possible for a simple apology written on paper and voted by a handful of officials to make up for the tragedy that slaves had to face?

In essence, an apology would be meaningless because there are no former slaves or slave-owners still living, and even then, an apology would be too little to make up for the horrors that the slaves had to face. So why do politicians even consider bring-

ing it up? I believe the answer is that they want votes. Nearly every person in America believes that slavery is a God-awful institution that should never return. Some politicians have noticed this and see a perfect way to get votes. By proposing an apology for slavery, the politicians look better to their constituents while in reality they aren't doing a darn thing to actually end the current world-wide slave trade. In short, some politicians are putting their political ambitions so high that they are willing to belittle the horrors of slavery so they can get a few more votes in the next election.

Instead of wasting time on meaningless apologies that not a single former slave will read, our representatives should be passing laws and providing aid to help end the current global slave trade. There are more than 24 million slaves in the world today, the most at anytime in world history. These slaves are every color and come from almost every

continent including Europe, Africa, Asia and even the Americas. Most of these slaves are children and many of them are sold for the purpose of being sex-slaves. I encourage the Georgia Assembly to spend their time figuring out solutions to this current slave trade.

But what can we do as individuals? There are numerous charities you can support that are devoted to ending the global slave trade such as Polaris Project, Free the Slaves, and the Break the Chain Campaign. As for political measures, we should inform our representatives it is more productive to solve problems for the present, rather than dwell on divisive issues of the past. Georgia has a bad history when it comes to slavery, but our generation has been given a chance to fully stop it once and for all. Let's not waste it.

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## Out of control democrats could run amuck

BY STEPHEN TURNER  
COLUMNIST

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi defies the White House and jumps on a plane bound for Syria allegedly to open a dialogue with the hostile nation. Why, Lord, why? After all of the flack that she and the democratic leadership have been catching ever since they were voted into the majority, why now would they make the decision to do something as off-the-wall and wholly ineffective as trying, not to achieve Mideast peace, but simply to show her defiance of the current administration? The American public has seen her act for what she is, a laughable joke. I am as liberal as they come, and I have supported the new democratic leadership in the past, but now they have gone overboard. Their decision-making skills have lacked any kind of real substance. It's not just Pelosi. Sen. Harry Reid has also reached out to the media, spouting off incoherent and unreasonable ramblings about how terrible the Bush Administration has perpetrated the war. I agree that

the Bush Administration has been untruthful and disingenuous, but the democrats need to find solutions rather than spout off laundry lists of complaints; that's the job of radio talk show hosts and editorial blabbermouths such as myself. Have they not enough sense about them to find reasonable solutions to an unreasonable administration?

Perhaps we shouldn't be blaming the Democratic leadership because they are products of the baby-boomer yuppie generation. Sure, back in the 1960s their generation's anthems were do your own thing and freedom, but they happened to make a little money during the Reagan years and all of a sudden they want to go to Washington to make a difference. Sounds reasonable, right? Not really, because they all got caught up in the American political machine, where party ties and lobby steamrollers control the game. They have effectively turned their backs on their pasts, and sold their souls for 30 pieces of silver. Unfortunately Washington is this same machine that churns out mediocre politi-

cians and political light-weights. That is why the democrats have been trying to play middle of the road for years. Now that democrats control Congress, they are looking not at their constituencies, but at those media hogs casting large shadows. The Pelosis and the Reids and the Kerrys are trying to make things right by acting out of childish defiance and immature motivations.

It almost appears that Abbie Hoffman, or even Captain Kangaroo, is trying to control the senators from the grave. These democrats are true politicians, and not what this country needs during its moment of crisis. The protesters out in the streets have become so obsessed with becoming protesters that they have forgotten that the point of the whole debacle is to create meaningful solutions. I am sorry, but the political game in Washington has become a joke, and those wannabe martyrs are pretty funny too! You cannot stage a protest as they did back in the '60s because we are living in a different world. There are new ways, meaningful ways,

constructive ways to throw down the gauntlet and tell the pea-brains living in the White House that they have misused the trust of the American people, misled Americans to think that somehow killing thousands upon thousands of people in Iraq was a means to justice for 9-11, and misinterpreted the Constitution to justify spying on us. My advice to the democratic leadership is to grow a pair (and a brain while you're at it), and find solutions to our problems that have a real purpose, not just to be cannon fodder for the Rush Limbaughs of the world. And my advice to those out in the streets, protesting doesn't work in the way that you are doing it. A candle light vigil isn't going to bring one soldier home, nor is it going to protect the rights of one single person. You too need to grow a pair! (I realize that I have just angered the feminists on campus and I apologize, but there is nothing else that I could say that was as effective!).

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## Our Voice

### Soldiers must extend tour of duty

This week, shocking news came to all those families who have loved ones serving with the military in Iraq and across the Middle East.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced that tours of duty for the soldiers of the U.S. Army will be extended from 12 months to 15 months. The extensions went into effect, immediately affecting 146,000 Army troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Fortunately the order does not affect National Guard and reserve troops, who will continue to spend one-year tours.

On top of that, 15,000 more troops are supposed to be deployed during the next few months to help stabilize problems in Baghdad.

Secretary Gates denies that the order is a sign of Army weakness and over-stress. However, the U.S. Military is getting stretched thinner and thinner by the month. The United States of America cannot continue to be the policeman of the world. And we're not saying this to be anti-war or anti-Bush. It just seems like a good idea to finish one escapade before we start another one.

This news had to come as a shock to those soldiers whose tour of duty was coming to an end. Can you imagine being in a desolate wasteland like Iraq, away from all the people you know and love just to find out you have to stay longer? A few of the members of The Colonnade's editorial staff have friends serving their country in the War on Terror. It's devastating to know that our loved ones will have to be in harms way for a longer period.

But how can this sort of problem be averted? There are very few answers and most of them are easier said than done. First, the Army could recruit more young men and women, train them and rotate the current ground troops on a more regular basis. This would keep fresh soldiers on the ground and give those who have served their time a chance to unwind and distress.

Second, we can bring the soldiers home, and this opens up another can of worms. America can't just pull out. Then the whole ordeal would just be a waste, because any progress that has been made would quickly be reversed. However, we can't stay there forever. But then again, the timelines proposed in Congress haven't looked to realistic.

All of this is side material though; the prime focus of this column is to show appreciation to all of those families who sacrifice on a daily basis and to send our thoughts and prayers to all of those soldiers fighting for our freedom over seas, especially those who have to stay longer now.

Thanks you.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Student participation possible at GCSU with important issues

Dear Editor,

I've noticed there have been several articles expressing disappointment in student participation levels at GCSU events, such as Bobcat Soccer and the SGA. Remember when City Council decided they were going to pass a law limiting students' living conditions and facilities? Hundreds of students showed up in a fervor to meetings that normally held only 20 or so people, two of which were students.

Why? Because it directly affected their everyday lives. Maybe struggling GCSU events/organizations should take notice and analyze this observation.

Maybe students don't show up to SGA meetings, not because they are uninformed, but because they see the parking dilemma and large parking lots being destroyed in the name of grass and trees and render their opinions useless.

Or maybe Magnolia and Bobcat Village students (and parents) awaiting their spotlight have given up their faith that GCSU and/or Milledgeville would

act on their worries of safety.

Could it be that this overlooked attitude of hopelessness carries on in the form of attendance at sporting events, theatrical performances and music festivals?

Parking, attendance policies, drinking tickets and exuberant police patrolling, stop-lights on the bypass, off-campus housing, the nonexistent football team, nonexistent openings in foreign language classes and other registration woes, GCSU name change...I could go on forever.

The opinion of the students is clear, whether read in The Colonnade, Facebook or heard in casual conversation on campus. If GCSU's numerous clubs and organizations decided to research, educate, voice and address these issues publicly, and in an organized fashion, and most importantly, if GCSU was willing to respond in a timely matter, I believe GCSU would be a more close-knit, friendly and grateful society.

Just think; if there was a public debate/meeting where all students could voice their discretions and

be answered immediately by those who make decisions, or an extensive school-wide poll with results that could be seen by the general public, maybe we'd all understand each other a little better and get along, as a community. Maybe the secret to a better GCSU is a more responsive GCSU.

If we all come together to make a common voice that can't be ignored, maybe there would be some change in Milledgeville, and maybe students would come out from hiding every now and then to celebrate their enthusiasm at a soccer game.

Heck, maybe there already is something like this that students don't know about, who knows!

My point is that, in order to be an enthusiastic community, we have to be able to voice our opinions efficiently and trust our school to tend to our suggestions, and I strongly emphasize the latter....and I pass the baton on.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Collier  
Nursing  
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### CORRECTIONS

• In last weeks issue of The Colonnade, in the article “Blast from the past: GCSU’s history explored,” we stated the date was 1898 on Pearl Adams diploma. The actual date is 1893.

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### POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY TYLER SMITH



“What are your thoughts on terrorism?”



“I obtain information about the war from my friends that watch the news closely. I am against the fact that we are still in Iraq because I feel we aren’t doing anything. The U.S. needs to stop imposing upon other countries because it is wasting too much time, money and people.”

Brooke Atkinson, Junior, Business

“How can I really describe how it feels to have people invade our country? It is scary to think about what they can do.”

Ali Fogle, Undecided, Freshman



“Watching the news shows me that it exists. Unfortunately it took 9/11 to show the U.S. people that terrorism is real. The way America is handling it is that the bad guys are those in the Middle East and the U.S. is good. It is hard to see it that way all the time.”

Marvin Guelce, Junior, Economics

“I feel that if we deal with terror outside the U.S., it won’t give terrorists a chance to hit us like 9/11. We have to deal with it at the source.”

Bobby Lane, Business, Senior



“Fighting something as general as terrorism is hard. We can eliminate certain people but not an entire group. The U.S. has better wars to be fighting.”

Scott Howard, Sophomore, Theatre

Beat Reported by Kate McWilliams

# The Litter Box

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He’s like the kid that goes to the buffet and overfills his plate and he doesn’t even eat all of it. He just pisses people off.

Does anyone find it ironic that Heather Mills might win Dancing with the Stars? I mean, she only has one leg!

Nose ninja!

I’ve got the key to the Gates of Paradise, but I’ve got to many Lees!!!!

Remember when everyone and their mother kept saying, “Rick James B\*\*\*\*!?” Yeah, those days were pretty stupid.

How dare she hit me in the balls, and then try to explain how she is not mean to me!!

Who ever knew you could have so much fun with plastic Easter Eggs?

You should have called me. I’m always sober - except when I’m drunk.

Love may stink, but being single is even worse.

How has rock music gone so wrong? I mean, when I was a little younger growing up, we had bands like Pearl Jam, Bush and Nirvana. Now the best the bizz can put out is American Idol failures and guys who whine all the time because Daddy didn’t hug them enough. I really do feel sorry for the next generation of music lovers.

RIP Kurt Vonnegut. You were a weird, great man.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

April 13 - April 19

Friday, April 13

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

6 p.m. - Until 7:30 - 10 p.m.

8 p.m.

"Manuscript," by Senior Art Major Derek Gasway, Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery

"Refuge," by Senior Art Major Sarah Buzbee, Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery

Relay For Life, Walter B. Williams Park

CAB Movie Night: The Messengers, Front Campus

"Encircled" by William McQuaig, Russell

Saturday, April 14

7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

2 p.m.

An Evening of Musical Theatre, First Baptist Church

Bobcat Baseball vs. North Georgia, Peeler Athletic Complex (West Campus)

Sunday, April 15

1 p.m.

1 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. # 1 Valdosta State, Centennial Center

Bobcat Baseball vs. North Georgia, Peeler Athletic Complex (West Campus)

Strings Ensemble/ Chamber Orchestra Concert, Max Noah Recital Hall

Monday, April 16

10 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

5 - 7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

8:28 p.m.

Open Forum for Macon Center Candidate Doris Christopher, Graduate Lounge (adjacent to library atrium)

Gallery Talk: "Encompass" by Jess Baker Fouts, Blackbridge Hall Gallery

Reception: "Encompass" by Jess Baker Fouts, Blackbridge Hall Gallery

"Encompass" by Jess Baker Fouts, Blackbridge Hall Gallery

FCA Meeting, Pine Lounge

Tuesday, April 17

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

6 - 10 p.m.

4 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.

The Third Annual Coverdell Institute Symposium, The Coverdell Institute

GEICO On-Campus Interviews, 232 Lanier Hall

Auditions for, "Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/ When The Rainbow is Enuf," MSU Lounge

Bobcats Baseball vs. Clark Atlanta, Peeler Athletic Complex (West Campus)

Electronic Music Concert, Max Noah Recital Hall

BCM Synergy, Magnolia Ballroom

Wednesday, April 18

10 - 11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

2 p.m.

2 - 3:30 p.m.

5 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesdays: Resume & Cover Letter 232 Lanier Hall

CETL Workshop 115 Beeson Hall

Bobcats Baseball vs. West Georgia, Peeler Athletic Complex (West Campus)

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SIFE Meeting, 109 Atkinson Hall

Thursday, April 19

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

10 a.m.

5 p.m.

Governor's Intern Program On-Campus Interviews, 232 Lanier Hall

Modern Woodmen of America On-Campus Interviews, 232 Lanier Hall

Open Forum for Macon Center Candidate Robert C. Fore, Graduate Lounge (adjacent to library atrium)

Reception for Milledgeville Stories: A Public Art and Media Project, The Pedestrian Tunnel on Wayne Street

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co-sponsored by the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity. For more information, call 478-445-1991.

### SIFE named regional champions

After presenting a year-long community outreach project to a panel of business leaders, the GCSU SIFE team was named a SIFE USA Regional Champion. The Team will now advance to the national level of SIFE competi-

tion, at the SIFE USA National Exposition from ay 6-8 in Dallas, Texas.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more 1400 university campuses in 448 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that focuses on: market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills, and business ethics.

# THE SGA NEWSFEED

The GCSU Student Senate's Public Relations Committee recently had help suggestion boxes and surveys around campus to gather information on student needs. The student body's voice is currently being analyzed and a packet has been presented to the senate. Polls say that one of the main concerns as of late is the lack of parking, Sodexo concerns, as well as the campus advisement. As we continue to gather the students' opinions, the Senate continues to create new goals and ideas to help the student body. So if you have any suggestions or complaints of your own e-mail the Senate at student.gov@gcsu.edu.

As far as Registered Student Organization money allocations go, a bill was brought forth to senate this week requesting \$100.00 for the GCSU Swim Cats. Ten of the Swim Cats, our school's club swim team, will be attending the final swim meet of the year at the University of Georgia this April, and hope to have the senate help cover the registration cost. The bill was tabled until next week for final voting.

A resolution was also voted upon this week which will establish a committee for the purpose of evaluating and improving the safety of the GCSU campus in Milledgeville.

Members of this

newly-approved committee will meet twice a semester and inspect the entire campus at dusk on foot in order to identify problem areas that need to be addressed. Some of the members of this committee include GCSU staff, such as the president of GCSU, vice president of Student Affairs, Campus Life directors, and the Public Safety director. This will be a major step forward in creating an even safer college environment and a proactive measure to improve our conditions.

*Submitted by  
SGA Senator  
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Hide-n-seek

On March 28, 2007, at approximately 2:29 a.m., Officer Smith observed a vehicle on Montgomery Street with an expired tag. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver and front seat passenger. A check through GCIC determined that the driver's license was suspended. MPD Officer Jones was assisting Officer Smith and observed the passenger trying to conceal a cup under her seat and also observed a clear plastic bag containing suspected marijuana when she was digging through her purse. The passenger admitted to the cup belonging to her and the driver admitted that the marijuana in the purse was his. The driver was arrested and charged with driving on a suspended license second offense and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The passenger was arrested and charged with open container and 30 days to obtain Georgia tag.

No make-up tests

On March 29, 2007, at approximately 1:43 a.m., Officer Baker observed a vehicle on Clarke Street with three adults in the front seat. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver. A check through GCIC determined the driver had a suspended license. While speaking with him, Officer Baker could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. He also observed that he had bloodshot eyes and had trouble speaking. The driver admitted to drinking but refused to be tested or con-

duct a field sobriety evaluation. The driver was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI, driving while license suspended and seatbelt violation. The vehicle was turned over to the passengers in the vehicle per the driver's request.

Caught in the street

On March 29, 2007, at approximately 11:50 p.m., Officer Smith observed a male walking down the middle of the road on Charlton Street. Contact was made with the individual and a check through the GCIC determined that he had outstanding warrants through Baldwin County. The warrants were verified and the individual was transported to BCSO for processing.

Name-calling

On April 1, 2007, at approximately 2:20 a.m., Officer Pissott heard several males yelling profanities at the traffic light at Wayne and Montgomery Streets. She then observed a vehicle in the East-bound lane of Montgomery Street at Jefferson Street and the occupants of the vehicle were in the roadway and yelling profanities at several individuals in the yard. Officer Pissott made contact with two of the males yelling from the parked vehicle, who informed Officer Pissott that the altercation began when a white male yelled racial slurs and ran from the scene. While speaking with the subjects, Officer Pissott could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person but he denied drinking any alcohol. Officer Pissott advised the two to go home and asked who was driving and one of the males advised that his license was suspended. The other male advised that he would drive because he had originally driven to that location. When tested on the Alco-Sensor, the male wanting to drive registered positive for alcohol and was transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI under 21. The vehicle was secured and towed by Old Capitol Wrecker.

Information compiled  
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Cytulski plays his bagpipes..

## Bagpipe the night away

BY KATIE HUSTON  
SENIOR REPORTER

It seeps beneath the floorboards and through the cracks under doors, filling Sam Cytulski's apartment building and flowing right to the eardrum. To the untrained ear and to skeptics around Milledgeville, it screeches and squeaks to tunes heard mainly at funerals and weddings.

The culprit? Cytulski proudly takes the blame as one of Milledgeville's only bagpipe players and for introducing those around him to the sound of piping.

"How do people typically react? You say it like it's a bad thing," Cytulski joked, minorly offended by the question. "People usually handle it pretty well."

Everyone who knows Cytulski, a junior, knows that he is a bagpipe player. Now 21, he has been playing since he was 13. He grew up in a musical family with a lot of Scottish blood in them.

"I just knew I always wanted to play (the bagpipe). I just love the sound," Cytulski said. "Music is a big thing to me. It always has been."

Like many, Cytulski grew up listening to the likes of Hank Williams and old southern rock with even a little Bob Marley thrown into the mix. When it comes to adapting non-traditional tunes to his bagpipes, Cytulski says that it really does not work like that.

"There are only nine notes on a bagpipe so that kind of limits a pretty good amount of things," Cytulski said. "You could play a lot of old country songs just because old country songs are pretty much just old Scottish songs and, you know, especially bluegrass (songs)."

Cytulski is a member of the Atlanta Pipe Band and was recently let in one of the best pipe bands in the world, located in Washington, D.C.

"They're a grade (rated) one pipe band, which is the best grade," Cytulski said. "It goes five, four, three, two, one; with one being the best."

For Cytulski, playing with this band is like hitting the big time.

"It's equivalent to playing with one of your favorite bands," Cytulski said. "It's like playing Mozart or Beethoven; it's the top level of piping."

When performing as a soloist, Cytulski is ranked as a two and was almost upgraded to a one at a competition he describes as, "a hit or miss thing."

He gets paid for individual gigs he does which typically consist playing at funerals and weddings and the occasional bar. Cytulski is looking to get pipe lessons going in Milledgeville. He began teaching in the 9th grade to students who were much older.

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## Another time, another place



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Actors and technicians prepare for the opening of "Encircled." "Encircled," the original screen play written by senior theater major William McQuaig will be presented in Russell Auditorium April 13 - 14. The play doubles as McQuaig's senior capstone.

BY SALEM COOK  
STAFF WRITER

William McQuaig, a senior theatre major, wrote a movie script and turned it into a short story and then took the short story and made it a play. The revised script later became McQuaig's senior capstone.

"I originally came up with the idea (for "Encircled") around 3 a.m. in my apartment," McQuaig said. "I wondered what it would be like if we were our own twin, but in a different time and whether or not we would know it. It can be a little confusing, but I am a big fan of stories that make you think and don't make sense until you piece together the puzzle."

Everyone involved with the play's production had difficulty understanding the general concept of the script. Mayan accounts determining the end of the world and déjà vu are difficult concepts to grasp, especially when they are combined in one story.

Essentially "Encircled" is a suspense thriller with a surprise ending that should keep the audience wanting more. Danielle Moen, a freshman English and creative writing

major, was one of many who had trouble understanding.

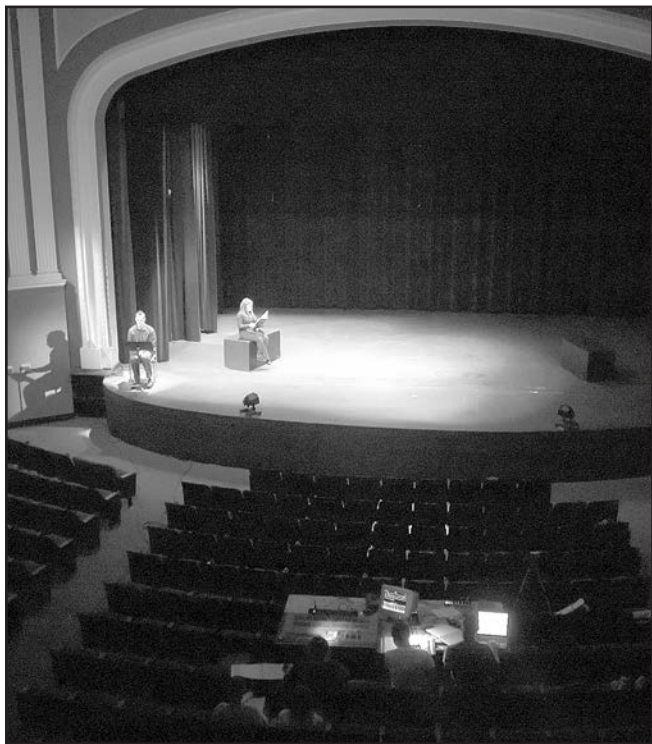
"I did not understand what the play was about until around the 6th run-through (of the script)," said Moen, who played a lawyer in the script. "I was lost, but William guided me through the events."

"Encircled" is a staged reading rather than a play with props and scenery. A narrator describes the scenes, while actors and actresses read from scripts. While one performer speaks, the others make little to no movement. Moen was pleased with the play's outcome.

"I think ("Encircled") turned out very dramatic," Moen said. "The black clothes and lack of movement make the concentration on the words and less on the acting."

Before any big play is produced, staged readings are scheduled. Encircled is no exception. Milledgeville is the first place the script will be performed, but McQuaig hopes he can grab the attention of an Atlanta theatrical company.

Judging by the reactions of those involved, the next level is not out of the question. Peter Perozzi, a freshman theatre major, was impressed



with the script.

"I loved the concept of the script," said Perozzi, a leading character. "It questions many things, such as religion and faith, while still reaffirming them. William saw a boundary between film and theatre and tries to blur the differences between the two."

Ryan Smith directed the staged reading of "Encircled" and comprised a general analysis of how audience members have reacted thus far.

"The show has been one of the odd balls, viewed often as weird,"

said Smith, a sophomore theatre major. "But everyone who has come to see a reading has left enthralled."

The show will go on at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow in Russell Auditorium. General admission is \$6 and \$3 for GCSU students. After the performance Saturday there will be a talk back for anyone who wishes to discuss the play.

McQuaig wishes for all who attend to come in with an open mind and enjoy the show.

## Murders unite races

BY JAMIE FLEMING  
SENIOR REPORTER

On July 25, 1946, two young black couples, George and Mae Dorsey and Roger and Dorothy Malcolm, were shot hundreds of times by 12 to 15 unmasked white men in broad daylight at the Moore's Ford Bridge, which is 60 miles east of Atlanta, according to the Moore's Ford Memorial Committee Web site.

In August 1997, a large group of black and white Georgians formed the Moore's Ford Memorial Committee to commemorate the Dorseys and the Malcolms. The committee is dedicated to telling the story, honoring the dead, promoting racial healing and social justice, and creating a living memorial to the victims of the horrible crime.

Members of the Moore's Ford Memorial Committee visited GCSU for 'Know Justice, Know Peace', coordinated by Stephanie McClure and Sandra Godwin, both professors of government and sociology, on April 3 at 7 p.m. in Arts & Sciences Auditorium.

"I wanted to bring people from off-campus whose authentic experience is much bigger," McClure said.

Members of the panel included Janice Rusk, Lynn Camp, Chris Culbreath, Robert Howard and Richard Rusk.

McClure asked the panelists questions ranging from how they become involved with Moore's Ford Committee to other activism experience.

"(After the murders), I grew up in a household where every time my parents had guests and lynching came up," said Camp, when asked how she came to work with the committee. "I had a lot of questions in my mind. When I learned (about the project), I wanted to be part of it. Wanted to know why these things happened and why we (society) tolerated such atrocities."

McClure has worked with Moore's Ford since 2000 when she first moved to Georgia. She said she is glad that she is able to work with them

"(These) people have a

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## Volunteer risks life for the sake of others

BY JASON LONG  
STAFF WRITER

When full-time student David Weissman gets up in the morning, he has the normal worries of class and possible tests coming up on his mind. But with Weissman, it's a little different. He also has to worry about possible fires, car accidents and gas spills.

Weissman is a volunteer firefighter for the Baldwin County Fire Rescue Services. He worries so that we don't have to.

"When my pager goes off I get a rush of adrenaline," to be at the scene as fast as he can to possibly save somebody's life and mostly for Weissman, not to miss any action.

After graduating, Weissman plans on moving out west to become a "smoke jumper." He wants to be one of the guys who jumps out of planes over state-sized forest fires to fight the awesome force of

flames provided by Mother Nature.

The job might seem crazy, but not for Weissman. Action is what he is all about. Anybody who knows Weissman knows how important it is for him to be a part of the action. "It's all just extremely rewarding," Weissman said.

His stature allows him to have a unique position on the force.

"I'm kind of the little guy in our department," Weissman said. "I get to go into the smaller spaces like attics and under houses to look for fire. I'm usually in a tight space filled with smoke, or on top of possibly fire-damaged rafters. I've got my forced entry tool in one hand and the thermal imaging camera in the other. It can get tricky,"

Weissman said. And this is where

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JASON LONG / STAFF WRITER  
Weissman suites up for a training exercise as a volunteer firefighter.



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
MILLing in the ENNIUM, an eight-station audience-interactive multimedia presentation appeared last week.



Bagpipes

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“I like to do it of course to make money, but I love to teach what I do and things that I’m passionate about,” Cytulski said. “I’d like to target people that are going to be pretty sincere about it.”

Bagpipes in the South and more specifically, in Milledgeville, are something that is hardly expected. Senior Heath Lewis was unaware that Milledgeville was the current home to a piper.

“I think it’s interesting,” Lewis said. “I’m not musically inclined but this is a liberal (arts) school, so at least someone’s got to be interested in it.”

This is something

Cytulski is hopeful about. When it comes to being a good pipe player, it is all about dexterity.

“You’ve got to be able to move those fingers,” Cytulski said. “You’re doing many things. You’re keeping pressure on the back, blowing a steady tone, plus you’re moving your fingers, plus you’re controlling the execution and your phrasing and all that.”

When performing, Cytulski dons traditional Scottish garments, and yes, this includes a kilt and panty hose.

“You’ve got to wear it,” Cytulski said. “You wouldn’t be allowed to compete without it.”

So maybe the art of bag piping is not for everyone, but it is something

Cytulski will be doing for a while.

“I hope to be playing in another grade one band somewhere down the road,” Cytulski said. “I’ll be doing this until the day I die.”

It is an art form Cytulski is committed to; something that far exceeds a hobby.

“A hobby is something you do to just have fun and to mess around with. This is a passion,” Cytulski said. “It’s something that is inside me. It’s not a hobby.”

If interested in taking bagpipe lessons from Cytulski, contact him at (770) 722-2472. Scheduling is flexible and rates are \$25 per hour lesson.

Fire

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Weissman is at his best. This is his element, when it gets tricky He will do what ever he can to help out.

As it takes a special type of person to volunteer for such a thing, Weissman is no exception.

“It’s a job that has to be done, we don’t look at ourselves like hero’s or anything, we just do it,” Weissman said modestly.

And it’s not surprising that this hero has such a

modest attitude.

“It’s fun and the people are great because we are surrounded by people who want to help others. We’re a team,” Weissman said.

Weissman was inspired by a former teacher to become a volunteer firefighter.

“I joined over a year ago because I had a lacrosse coach in high school that was a volunteer fireman, and also because I was bored,” Weissman said.

And why does he voluntarily run into burning

buildings?

“It’s fulfilling and it’s the least I can do,” Weissman said.

Weissman, besides being a volunteer spending countless hours a week on call and being a business management major, is also the co-president of the GCSU Lacrosse team. He also enjoys fly-fishing and snow-skiing in his spare time. Weissman hales from Roswell where he was a four year starter on the Roswell Varsity Lacrosse team.

Peace

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lot to teach us,” McClure said. “They have been such a blessing to me.”

Leah Peters, a senior mathematics major, said she enjoyed the program,

and it was informative.

“I didn’t know about Moore’s Ford,” Peters said. “I liked the discussions and questions. (It makes) me want to do something.”

McClure said she wanted students to understand they could make changes in society.

“(Like Robert Howard said,) evil people prevail because good people refuse to stand,” McClure said. “That’s what I’d like-speak up and maybe you won’t succeed...but you will respect yourself, and people will respect you.”

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## THE SPORTS GUY

BY WES BROWN



### Strike mats are useless

I wrote in the March 2 issue of the paper that softball was one of the simpler intramural sports to officiate. The intramural department could not make it any easier for softball umpires as they use a rubber mat placed behind home plate to gauge a strike.

The official rules of GCSU intramural softball state that a legal softball pitch must be delivered underhand at a slow speed and must reach a height of at least six feet and no more than 12 feet at the top of its arc. Any pitch that fails to meet these requirements, in the opinion of the home plate umpire, will be declared an illegal pitch. A strike is a legally delivered ball that hits any part of the strike mat.

This rule was designed to alleviate arguments between players and umpires and make the game go smoother, but it only downgrades the responsibilities of the umpire and exacerbates the duties of the pitcher.

Firstly, the home plate umpires have zero responsibilities. They simply stand behind home plate and determine if the ball hits the strike mat.

The umpires also have total disregard for the delivery clause of the rule. As a spectator at many games, I have witnessed numerous accounts where pitchers perform illegal deliveries but are still able to pitch strikes. Pitchers throw balls that do not enter the parameters set in the rules or get anywhere remotely close to the strike zone and it stills hits the strike mat, making it a strike.

Secondly, the use of the mat makes the pitcher the most difficult position on the field. Do you know how difficult it is to hit that mat? It is like throwing a ball into the 1,000-point slot hole in skeeball. In one game, a pitcher might only pitch three strikes if they are lucky.

The strike mat is completely useless. It falls behind inventions such as the doorbell, car visor and the new Sonic Oreo milkshake.

The rules should be changed to allow each batter five pitches to hit the ball. If the batter fails to hit the ball in play by the fifth pitch, he/she is out. Even if the batter fouls off the fifth pitch, he/she is out. If the batter strikes out before the fifth pitch, he/she is out on strikes.

# Return home revives Bobcat bats



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Senior outfielder Brandon Anderson takes a cut as the Bobcats pound Presbyterian College 16-5 on Tuesday at John Kurtz Field.

BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
SENIOR REPORTER

After a 2-3 road-trip, No. 8 GCSU Baseball is thrilled to return to familiar ground.

The Bobcats have cruised through the first half of their home stand, dominating the first five games by bruising opponents with a combined score of 67-15.

"You always want to win at home," said Michael Antonini, a senior pitcher. "You get out here in front of your home crowd and you just want to produce. You have to have a winning record at home."

So far this season the Bobcats have done just

that. With a home record of 16-2 they have been nearly unbeatable at John Kurtz Field.

"Not needing to travel and spend hours on a bus and in a hotel, the players getting to sleep in their own bed. Those are just advantages you have when you're playing at home," said Chris Calciano, the Bobcats head coach.

In the first game, the Bobcats smoked Albany State 17-2. Senior first baseman Daniel Heflin lead the charge with five RBI, four from one swing when he belted a grand slam in the eighth inning.

The team continued to roll Friday by beating Lander University 9-4 and

completed the sweep, Saturday with hot bats that accounted for 12 runs in the first game and 13 in the second contest.

Antonini was called on to start the Friday contest and after a shaky first two innings in which he gave up four earned runs, he settled down and dominated Bearcat hitters for the next four innings. In all, he threw six innings and recorded four strikeouts while walking only two.

Antonini has dominated at home this season; so far he has posted a stellar 2.41 ERA at John Kurtz Field. He leads all Bobcat starting pitchers this season with an overall ERA of 2.86 and in wins with

seven.

Saturday, the Bobcats pummeled Lander with an outstanding display of hitting. The team combined for 27 hits in the double-header that was highlighted by freshman designated hitter, Brett DiFelice's 6 for 8 performance that included five RBI's and three runs scored.

"I'm just seeing the ball great, and I guess I had some luck, too," DiFelice said about his best showing to date.

Senior right fielder, Justin Mills, shared the spotlight hitting a three run blast over the center field wall in the fourth inning of game one and added a two RBI double in the eighth.

"It's good to be back home; we feel a lot more comfortable. Whenever you get your fans on your side it's a lot easier to play baseball, relax and just have fun out there," Mills said. "We especially like winning in front of our fans."

The Bobcats continued to do just that on Tuesday by blowing out Presbyterian College 16-5. The game was highlighted by home runs from freshman shortstop Chandler Snell and sophomore catcher Pete Paris.

Paris started the action in the first inning by launching his first career

**BASEBALL** Page 13

# Wilson named Assistant Athletic Director

BY BRIAN FARRELL  
SENIOR REPORTER

Jimmy Wilson, head golf coach and director of golf at Little Fishing Creek Golf Course, has just been hired as the new GCSU assistant athletic director and will start his full-time position beginning April 16th.

Wilson fills the void left by Brad Muller who left in October to pursue a job as the communications director for the alumni association at his alma mater, the University of South Carolina, after spending 10 years at GCSU.

Wilson played for the golf team during his time as a student at GCSU and went to work at Little Fishing Creek Golf Course right after he graduated in 1986. He began helping the golf team as a volunteer coach in 1995 before becoming the head coach in '97.

Since then, he has led the Bobcats to nine straight NCAA tournaments and taken five of those teams to the championship round. The team is currently ranked eighth in the country in the Golfstat and Coaches Polls.

The title of assistant athletic director is relatively new at GCSU and came partly due to the departure of Brad Muller in October.

"Brad Muller was here 10 years, and when he left we decided to split his job into two," said Stan Aldridge, athletic director. "We requested a fee increase and combined that money with what was left from Brad's job and created two positions; assistant A.D. and sports information director, who is Al Weston."

Aldridge said that the athletic department decided to combine the job of assistant athletic director and golf coach partly because that was the only way they

could fit it into their budget, and partly because they know Wilson could do a great job.

"Last year we got the money to make golf coach a full time paid position," Aldridge said. "We did a nationwide search for an assistant A.D./golf coach and we decided unanimously that Jimmy was the best man for the job."

Wilson is excited about the opportunity to work for GCSU full time.

"I really want to be an asset to this university," Wilson said. "I already know a lot of people in this community and I'm looking forward to a new challenge."

GCSU now has two assistant athletic directors. The other assistant is tennis coach Steve Barsby. Barsby makes sure all athletic programs comply with conference regulations, including player eligibility, team budgets and informing media correspondents.

While Aldridge says the athletic department works together as much as possible, Wilson's specific duties include organizing budgets for faculty and staff, as well as fundraising and community relations.

Despite Wilson's success as a coach, he's still not content to dwell on his past accomplishments.

"No matter what happens we are going to continue to build this program," said Wilson. "Our ultimate goal is to win a NCAA championship and we haven't done it yet."

Wilson's two decades as head honcho at Fishing Creek have left some big shoes for long-time friend Kyle Wall to fill.

"It's going to be a lot different without Jimmy around," said Wall. "I consider him a best friend and I hate to see him go, but I know he's going to do a great job at the college."

# GCSU Assistant Athletic Directors

## Jimmy Wilson

GCSU Alumnus: 1986  
Job Titles: Head Golf Coach and Assistant Athletic Director.



Wilson's specific duties include coaching the golf team, organizing budgets for faculty and staff and fundraising and community relations.

Wilson has led the golf team to nine straight NCAA tournaments and taken five of those teams to the championship round.

## Steve Barsby

Troy St. Alumnus: 1997  
Job Titles: Head Tennis Coach and Assistant Athletic Director.



Barsby's specific duties include coaching the tennis team as well as making sure all athletic programs comply with conference regulations.

Barsby has led the women's team to 12 straight NCAA Tournament appearances and the men to seven in the past 12 years.

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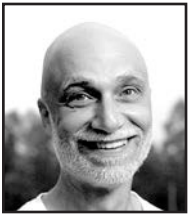
The number of runs per game the Bobcats have averaged in the first five games of their current 10-game home stand. They have won all five games.



# COACHES CORNER

BY COREY DICKSTEIN

Week 10: Joe Samprone



Cross Country Coach Joe Samprone is unique to the coaching fraternity of GCSU.

He is the only Bobcat coach that can be referred to as Doctor. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics and was a professor at GCSU long before becoming a varsity sports coach.

"I was a faculty member about nine to 10 years ago when they asked me to help out with cross country," said Samprone, who has been teaching at GCSU since 1983.

Samprone served as an assistant coach in 1998 and 1999 before taking over the program in 2000.

"I was interested in running, although I had never run competitively myself, I was just helping out," Samprone said. "I was asked later if I would take

over cross country, and that's how I got into cross country."

Samprone has been a runner for over 30 years and has ran for enjoyment and in some road races.

"It's really become one of those labors of love," Samprone said of his experience with the team. "I enjoy running and I really enjoy helping our runners; it's been a lot of fun and I've just sort of continued it."

In his tenure, the Cross Country team has been very successful, capped by this past season in which the men's team finished second in the Peach Belt Conference race and the women also had a strong showing, placing fifth.

"Last year was pretty good," Samprone said. "It's probably the best we've

done, in my memory. As two teams, both of them did very well."

Samprone is most proud of his athletes in the classroom. The women's team averaged a collective GPA of 3.63 last semester and the men posted a 3.1 GPA, both were the highest GPAs for a team in women's and men's athletics.

"When the runners average Dean's List or better you're happy," Samprone said. "The dedication I see in their training flows over to the classroom."

Samprone wants his runners to continue to enjoy the experience as much as he has while keeping that dedication.

"The thing that makes me the happiest is the people," Samprone said. "It's been a very pleasant experience."



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## Baseball

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home run to put the Bobcats up 3-0.

Snell added his four-bagger by leading off the eighth inning and tagging a pitch over the left field wall. Mills followed with a rally-starting walk. The inning ended with seven hits and eight runs.

"We hit real well," Calciano said of their fifth straight win. "and we committed no errors in the field."

The Bobcats continue the home-stand this weekend, hosting North Georgia College and State University Saturday and Sunday, Clark Atlanta



ANDREA GRIFFIN / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Junior pitcher Sean Heimpel struck out three batters in 4.2 innings as the Bobcats routed Presbyterian 16-5 at home.

University on Tuesday and the University of West Georgia on Thursday. Wednesday's game against Valdosta State was moved to April 25 due to inclement weather.

"We're taking it one game at a time," Calciano said. "The most important game is the next one, but it's very good to be home for them."



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Steve Barsby  
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“Even though tennis is a team sport, it is mostly an individual sport. My big thing is getting the players to feel comfortable with me and feel as if they can work well with me.”



Robert Parr  
Women’s Soccer

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Men’s Basketball

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Putting the puzzle pieces together  
Coaches reveal the secrets of recruiting the perfect roster

BY WES BROWN  
SENIOR REPORTER

Behind the Xs and Os of coach’s clipboards, the many games played during the season, and the hours spent practicing and conditioning, is the art of recruiting college athletes.

It is a well-known fact that without good recruiting, a team will suffer. GCSU Men’s Head Basketball Coach Terry Sellers believes it is the most important part in building a winning program.

“(Recruiting) is the name of the game,” Sellers said. “It determines how successful a team is. It is crucial to find confident kids who make good grades and can compete in your conference.”

If recruiting plays a vital part in college athletics, how does one become good at finding the talent needed to help their team win?

Recruiting strategies differ from coach to coach, but there is no right way to forming a balanced roster. The most common tactics coaches use are athlete recruiting agencies and witnessing athletes live.

Recruiting agencies help thousands of qualified student-athletes get the proper exposure and publicity. Agencies offer profile applications, video production service and placement programs. With agencies athletes can begin to contact and distribute their video to colleges instantly. One popular agency is the Global Sports Recruiting Agency.

These agencies are particularly convenient to GCSU Tennis Coach Steve Barsby who has more than half of his team (10 of 17) come from international countries.

“There are so many international athletes that they know some-

## NCAA Recruiting

Aug. 2-Sept. 6: Quiet Period- permissible to make in-person contacts on prospect’s campus.

Oct. 15-Prosect’s Season Opener: Quiet Period.

Nov. 6-Nov. 8: Dead Period- No recruiting permitted.

March 1-May 14: Contact Period. Except for March 29-April 3 and April 9-11. These are dead periods.

June 15-July 31: Evaluation Period.

Sept. 7-Oct. 14: Contact Period- permissible for authorized staff members to make in-person, off-campus contacts.

Prospect’s Season: Evaluation Period- permissible for authorized staff members to be involved in off-campus activities to access athletes.

May 15-June 14: Quiet Period.

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body that attends GCSU,” Barsby said. “Many students in other countries use recruiting services and they find you instead of you having to find them. It is a very useful tool for coaches.”

Sellers also agrees that subscribing to recruiting services lightens the load for coaches.

“Recruiting agencies do the work for you,” Sellers said. “We tell the agencies our needs and they go out and evaluate prospects for us. We get hundreds of phone calls from coaches, parents and players and receive tapes from players wanting to come to our school. We become bombarded with potential

prospects.”

Another way to recruit effectively is the old fashioned way: watching prospective athletes play live. GCSU women’s soccer coach Robert Parr believes heavily in seeing the players play first-hand.

In the off-season, Parr attends 65-70 games a week processing over 400 players a year. He goes to national tournaments in Raleigh, N.C., and Atlanta, as well as smaller tournaments in the state.

“I invest a great deal in scouting,” Parr said. “You really need to see a player play live to determine if they can help you or not. Seeing players live gives you a chance to

see if they can play at a consistent level. It helps me make sure I am getting the right person.”

Once the talented players are found, it is time to narrow the class down into those that will fit into your program.

“We usually get 50 to 100 names of players we need to fill in two to four spots,” Sellers said. “We are constantly taking names in and out of the list. In January, we access our needs and narrow it down to three or four guys per position and go from there.”

After compiling a final list of potential prospects it is time to entice the players to make GCSU their home.

“Each student has a different decision point,” Parr said. “My job is to determine the most important factor in their decision and exploit it. Most students like the personal attention GCSU offers in the classroom and our location. We are in most athletes’ personal ring. We are far enough from home where students feel independent from their parents but close enough where they go home on the weekends to do laundry.”

Barsby also believes that GCSU makes it easy for coaches to recruit great players.

“Even though tennis is a team sport, it is mostly an individual sport. My big thing is getting the players to feel comfortable with me and feel as if they can work well with me,” Barsby said. “If we get them on campus then it is almost guaranteed they will come here. Two out three students who visit our campus end up coming here.”

Overall, a coach is someone who gives instruction and advice. They do not play the game. No matter how knowledgeable a coach maybe in his or her profession it will not matter unless they have the players who can make their vision a reality.

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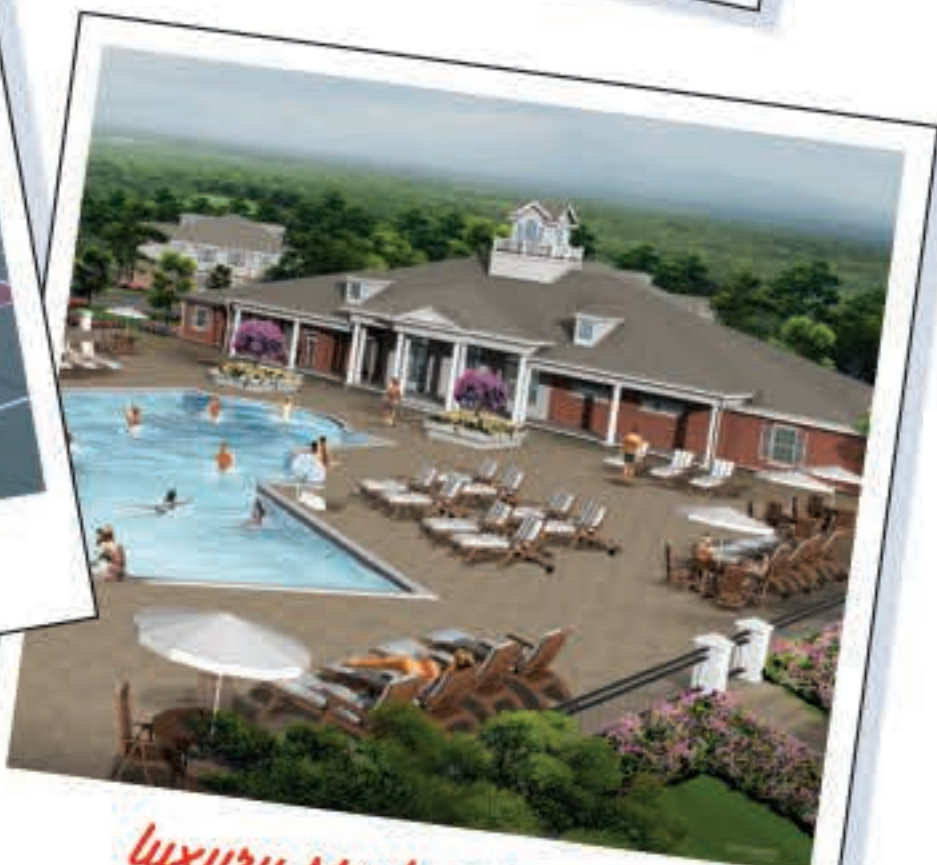
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